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Aliens And Liquor Licenses

The Advertiser is probably in error in its conclusion that no law can be enacted which will shut Asiatics from the saloon business. The liquor business is subject to police regulation and a law providing that only citizens shall engage in it has good legal support. There is no treaty requiring either Japanese or any other people be given commercial and professional opportunities with American citizens. They are not allowed to practice law, for example. As for the saloon business, it is of such a nature that police regulation might make all sorts of restrictions as to who shall engage in it, even to limiting the number and imposing a lot of arbitrary qualifications.

It is true that a law to keep Asiatics from labor on public works was declared on good legal authority to be in conflict with treaties with Japan, but there is a great deal of difference between the work of a day laborer and that of a saloonkeeper or a barkeeper. The latter are engaged in a business which is recognized as full of danger to the community and subject to stern regulations if a community sees fit to impose them as a matter of self protection. In fact, the community can prohibit all persons, aliens and citizens alike, from going into the business at all, if it desires.

If this be good law,—which is a question that may be left to the lawyers,—it should be taken advantage of to improve local conditions. Our Asiatic quarter is beginning to be a pretty tough place and cheap saloons are constantly multiplying therein. There is nothing unreasonable in requiring those who conduct the liquor business to show their qualifications for it, any more than it is unjust to require qualifications for the drug business. In the latter case the qualifications are those of specialization in education. In the saloon business they are of a different kind, but they can probably be easily incorporated into a law that will stand in the courts. This is a feature of the reform on which liquor men and their opponents can probably stand together,—the former as a matter of self interest and the latter with a view to getting whatever reforms they can while working for the full limit of their desires.

The Refunding Bill In Congress

The passage of the refunding bill by the Senate, is news of the most satisfactory character. The bill yet has to pass the House and in some ways, passage through the House is more difficult than through the Senate. The letter from Delegate Kuhio which appears in this issue shows that Hawaii has had the very sincere help of President Roosevelt, and of a large number of men who have on more than one occasion shown a helpful spirit to us.

It seems apparent from the Delegate's letter that action in the Senate has been very expeditious. He says, writing May 12: "I have Senator Foraker's assurance that if the bill is delayed in the House beyond two or three weeks more, he will introduce an identical bill in the Senate so that definite action by his committee will not be longer delayed." As the Senate passed the bill on May 23, it would seem that Senator Foraker did not wait the two or three weeks spoken of, but must have introduced the identical bill almost immediately, and even then, it seems very clear, that speedy action must have been taken.

The information which the Delegate gives concerning the situation of the bill in the House, is also most encouraging. Unless Congress adjourns much earlier than now seems probable, it seems almost as certain as anything can be in connection with congressional action, that the bill will pass the House.

There seems little doubt that this, much to be desired consummation, has been brought so near to completion largely through the tactful and well advised management of the Delegate. Every report received here in regard to the matter has been that the Delegate and his Secretary, George B. McClellan, have been earnest and constant in their endeavors in behalf of the bill, have protected it from overzealous and ill-advised friends, have kept in constant and close touch with Hawaii's friends, both in and out of congress, and by their judicious conduct in connection with it have been able to clear the way for the best efforts of other representatives of Hawaii, F. M. Hatch and the committee that went from here on behalf of the Merchants' Association, and the Chamber of Commerce.

Except as to the matter of the million dollar fire claim appropriation of three or four years ago, the present Congress seems to have taken up Hawaiian legislation more systematically, and more thoroughly on its merits, than any congress that has preceded it, ever did.

San Francisco On The Water Wagon

Who would have believed it? San Francisco a prohibition town! San Francisco, the gayest, the most wide open, the wickedest town in America—at least such its reputation; with a climate which, it is said, permits hard and long drinking to be indulged in with fewer deleterious physical effects than any other place in America; with very few either inherited or acquired constraints on the rapid life; with an uncensorious public opinion that permits every individual to go to hell in his own way; San Francisco, the Paris of America, is on the water wagon! More than that, its mayor is determined to keep it there, and public sentiment is back of him.

What food for thought there is in this. The psychologist can speculate on the psychology of it; how a community with the traditions and environment of San Francisco, apparently the least hospitable to the suppression of the liquor traffic, was by the super-imposition of a great disaster, instantly and wholly readjusted in its orientation on a great moral, social and economic question. Students of mental and moral philosophy can find in this change of civic character an interesting problem in the cerebation of communities.

The man who thinks that common sense is after all the great principle in public affairs, can certainly have the best of the argument for the first quarter, or half, anyway. The reformer will have a most remarkable fact, whose every aspect, at least so far, demonstrates his argument, to felicitate himself upon. The teetotaler will find no change in himself, but a wonderful change in his environment, while the "lush" will be driven to drink—no not to drink, for San Francisco has cut out the drink—but to Oakland.

San Francisco is the greatest seaport in the world that is free from the liquor traffic. San Francisco has added to her other distinguishing characteristics as a city. San Francisco has shown abounding common sense. She has justified in this one matter alone, the spirit of helpfulness displayed toward her in her great calamity.

Mayor Schmitz has in this one act done more to commend himself

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to the sound thinking people of the world than he could have done by any other one act. If Mayor Schmitz continues or attempts to continue in public life, he will of necessity have many battles to fight, and will be dealt many hard blows. But the attacks on him will be of an entirely different kind from those which have been made upon him in the past. The opposition to him will be on an entirely different plane. He has demonstrated beyond cavil, in his conduct, since the fateful morning of April 18, that he has ability, that he has patriotism, that he has civic pride, determination, ideas and a will of his own. In nothing has he aroused greater approval than in his orders closing and keeping closed the saloons of the city.

Ivan D. Goremykin, appointed by the czar to succeed Count Sergius Witte, on May 5, was born in Novgorod in 1839. During his boyhood he was educated in his household and entered the Imperial Law College, from which he graduated with honors in 1860. He commenced his official career upon his graduation by entering into service of the First Bureau of the Council of the Empire. In 1864 he was transferred to the Legislative Department in Poland and stayed there until he was appointed Procurator General of the First Bureau of the Council of the Empire in 1882. Two years afterwards he became the Procurator General of the Second Bureau of the above Council. In 1891 M. Goremykin was installed as Vice Minister of Justice. In 1894, he was made a member of the Council of the Empire and transferred to Vice-Ministership of the Interior in February 1895. Upon his promotion to the Ministership of the Interior in October 1895, he was invested with the Order of the Alexander Nevsky.

Life imprisonment is undoubtedly regarded by many as a more severe punishment than execution. The one thing that makes it a less punishment to many is its uncertainty. The doctrine of while there's life there's hope applies.

Speaker Cannon must have begun to be useful at a very early age. The day he was seventy years old the

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FACTS AND FANCIES.

(From the Public Ledger Philadelphia.) Speaker Cannon is now 70, and members of the minority assert that he is old enough to know better.

The chauffeur employed by H. H. Rogers has been arrested for over-speeding. Of course, he blames Commissioner Garfield.

The latest Moscow bomb killed four people, but not the man at whom it was aimed. However, probably there was somebody who did not like the victims.

Commanders of ships of the size of Rhode Island should resist strenuously the tendency to cut across lots. Three policemen and a doctor seem sufficient to overcome temporarily the individual prejudice against vaccination.

A New York judge fined a marine one cent. The strange feature of this case was that the marine although he had been ashore several days, had the cent.

No wonder China is not eager to open Manchuria. People who seized the opportunity to rush in there before did not behave well.

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